

Wisconsin E-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

An e-newsletter from the Title I and School Support Team

October 2014

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing all Title I Focus Schools with consistent and timely information, the Title I and School Support Team will be providing regular e-newsletters to the principals, Indistar Process Managers, and Title I coordinators. We welcome suggestions about topics you would like addressed in future editions.

Wisconsin Rtl Center:

<http://www.wisconsinrticenter.org/educators/rti-in-action/self-assessment-tools.html>

We highly recommend that your staff take the Rtl Schoolwide Implementation Review (SIR). This is a self-assessment through the Rtl Center. If you don't have your login information, you can request it by [clicking here](#). If you need additional assistance, please contact your [Regional Technical Assistance Coordinator](#).

Wisconsin Rtl Center has been recognizing schools for their implementation of the Wisconsin Rtl framework in behavior (PBIS) for three years and academics (reading and mathematics) for two years. Two levels of recognition are awarded. The Title I Team congratulates these schools on their great work!

PBIS Schools of Merit implement elements of the Wisconsin Rtl frameworks with integrity. The following Focus Schools were recognized this year:

Bayfield, Bayfield Middle
Fond du Lac, Riverside Elementary
Green Bay, Danz Elementary
Kenosha, Bradford H.S. and Edward Bain School of Creative Arts Elementary
Menominee Indian, Keshena Elementary
Sun Prairie, C. H. Bird Elementary
Verona, Glacier Edge Elementary

PBIS Schools of Distinction sustain these elements for at least two years and begin to demonstrate student-level outcomes. The following Focus Schools received this acknowledgement:

Madison, Thoreau Elementary
Sheboygan, Sheridan Elementary
Wabeno, Wabeno Elementary

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The first date for Indistar monitoring was September 30!

By September 30, you needed to have **three** active objectives in Indistar. These objectives need to be aligned to Response to Intervention (RtI), Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and, for middle and high schools, Early Warning System (EWS).

If you submitted your Indistar plan by the deadline, you should have heard from your DPI Focus School Liaison informing you that you have met the requirements and perhaps including some thoughts or suggestions for your continued work.

If you have not yet submitted your Indistar plan, please contact your DPI Focus School Liaison for assistance.

Indistar will also be monitored on **January 15** and **June 1, 2015**. To review all of the Year 3 Focus School requirements, please see the Focus School Requirements 2014 -15 PowerPoint. This PowerPoint has been uploaded into Indistar and can also be found on the [Title I Focus School](#) web page.

Registration open until October 14!

DPI's second ***Title I Innovation and Implementation Conference***, October 28-29, 2014, at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva.

Link for registration:

<https://www.regonline.com/title1innovationandimplementationconferencell>

Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTTs)

A new grant just for Wisconsin Title I Focus Schools will fund a total of ten elementary and middle schools to implement Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTTs). This research-based strategy effectively provides families with the information, skills, and materials they need to support student learning at home. APTT is a classroom-based, teacher-led, data-driven family engagement model focused on collaborating with families to support children's academic goals by linking home and school learning. More information can be found on the following PowerPoint presentation: [DPI APTT PowerPoint](#) (if you are using a paper copy of this newsletter, this file can be found at the website listed below). By participating in this grant schools involve parents in supporting Agenda 2017, ensuring every child graduates college and career ready, and can partner with parents to help close the achievement gap.

<http://focus-schools.dpi.wi.gov/academic-parent-teacher-teams>

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Professional Development Opportunities which may support your school improvement plan:

- Title I Innovation and Implementation Conference, Lake Geneva, October 28-29, 2014
- Wisconsin Alliance for Cultural and Linguistic Diversity, Edgewood College
 - WISACALD.org
- Wisconsin Statewide Mathematics Initiative courses
 - www.WSMI.net
- Wisconsin State Reading Association (WSRA), Milwaukee, February 5-7, 2015
 - <http://www.wsra.org/convention>
- Wisconsin Title I Association, Wisconsin Dells, April 9-10, 2015
 - <https://sites.google.com/site/wisconsintitle1associationwt1a/home>
- Wisconsin Math Council, Green Lake, May 6-8, 2015
 - <http://www.wismath.org/annual-conference/>

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Title I Innovation and Implementation Conference II

Last Chance! **Registration Closes October 14**

Please take a few moments today to pull a team together and register for the Title I Innovation and Implementation II Conference in Lake Geneva. This conference has been specially designed with Focus and Priority Schools in mind. The Promoting Excellence for All Task Force report and strategies for success will be the theme as we share successes and strategies for sustained school improvement including:

- **Academic Parent Teacher Teams**
- **Distributed Leadership**
- **SLO's, Indistar, and School Improvement**
- **Implementation Science**

Don't miss out on this great learning opportunity! Registration closes October 14th!

[Click Here to Register for this Event](#)

For Agenda, Speaker Bios and Session Descriptions go to:

http://focus-schools.dpi.wi.gov/foc_title-i-innovation-and-implementation-conference-ii-2014

Please Join Us!

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